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SECRETARY, BOARD OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Re: Docket 2012-013; Cause No. 139-90

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), acting in its Trust capacity on behalf of Individual Indian Mineral Owners (Allottees) and/or the Ute Indian Tribe, is aware that the referenced Docket matter is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Board) on April 25, 2012. Notice on this matter was given to the BLM timely. The proposal would affect Indian trust minerals held for the benefit of Individual Indian Mineral Owners (Allottees) and/or the Ute Indian Tribe. In matters such as this affecting Indian trust mineral estate, by Federal regulation the BLM must concur with or accept the proposal before it is effective.

Newfield Production Company did provide their technical information to our office associated with the request. Staff in the BLM Vernal Field Office has reviewed the information provided and the office also coordinated the proposal with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Ute Indian Tribe. Consequently, we are in a position where we can inform the Board that the BLM supports Newfield Production Company's ("Petitioners") request for Agency Action in the above referenced matter.

Should there be any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (435) 781-4440.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of April 2012.

Sincerely,

// Jerry Kenczka

Jerry Kenczka
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